



# A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: AT-A-GLANCE

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## DIVISION QUICK FACTS

### Operation Immersion Conducted:

On November 5-6, the IDPH Division of Behavioral Health **Access to Recovery** program partnered with the **Iowa Army National Guard** (IANG) at Camp Dodge to conduct **Operation Immersion** -- a unique opportunity to learn about military-related behavioral health issues and experience a few aspects of Guard life. This training experience was for substance use disorder, behavioral health, and primary care providers seeking to expand their understanding of military culture and the challenges and impact of deployment and combat on Guard members and their families. The 47 attendees heard presentations on a wide range of topics such as: military culture, including the Soldier's Creed and a flag ceremony; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); sexual assault; substance abuse and mental health; suicide; and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). In addition to the presentations, attendees were privileged to hear about deployment experiences directly from soldiers and family members. They were also able to participate in fitness and military preparedness training, modeled after the training Guard members receive. A special thank you to **IANG LTC Kruse** (pictured) and **SSG Myers** for making it all happen!



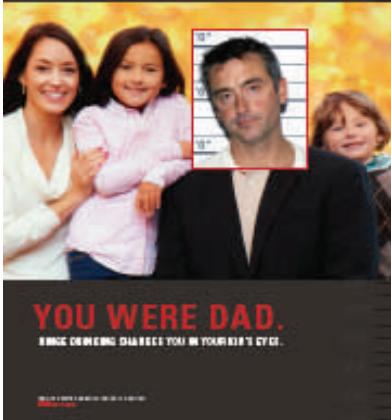
### Strategic Prevention Framework No-Cost Regional Trainings:

IDPH is hosting a series of regional trainings on application of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), the five-step planning process that can be used to address substance abuse related issues. The regional trainings will focus on

advanced learning in applying the SPF in communities and on expanding use of the SPF approach throughout substance abuse prevention services. The trainings will be conducted the first two weeks of December in Marion, Mason City, Moravia, and Sioux City. There is no cost to attend and substance abuse CEUs will be available.

To register, go to [www.trainingresources.org](http://www.trainingresources.org).

### BEFORE THE LAST DRINK,



### Binge and Underage Drinking Prevention Materials Available:

IDPH will soon disseminate a new component of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) binge drinking prevention campaign. "**Changes You**" targets adults ages 25-44 by focusing on how binge drinking can change the way a parent is viewed by their child. The campaign will be disseminated over the winter holiday months through television, radio, and social media. SPF also continues to fund the "**Stay Classy**" binge drinking prevention campaign that focuses on young adults ages 18-24. (See page 2 for examples of the "Stay Classy" campaign and the "**What Do You Lose?**" underage drinking prevention campaign.) Currently, SPF-funded prevention agencies use all three campaigns to reduce drinking-related problems in their counties but the materials are available to other organizations for other substance abuse prevention efforts. For more information about the campaigns or to use campaign materials, contact Julie Hibben at [julie.hibben@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:julie.hibben@idph.iowa.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Advancing the Strategic Prevention Framework in Iowa

- December 2 - **Moravia**
- December 4 - **Mason City**
- December 5 - **Sioux City**
- December 9 - **Marion**

For more information, go to [www.trainingresources.org](http://www.trainingresources.org).

### Allen Child Protection Center Open House

December 4 - 2:00-6:00 pm  
Unity Point Health - Allen Hospital, Waterloo

**Tried and True Ethics** December 6 - 8:45 am-Noon.  
Peter Waitt Education Center, Sioux City

For more information, go to [www.jacksonrecovery.com](http://www.jacksonrecovery.com).

For more information about the Division of Behavioral Health, visit [www.idph.state.ia.us/bh](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/bh)

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## IDPH STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK UNDERAGE AND BINGE DRINKING PREVENTION MATERIALS

